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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION The State Library Commission held a special meeting in Helena on May 13, 1972, to consider applications for federation demonstrations which had been presented to it at its April 7 meeting. Due to present uncertainty of appropriations under the Library Services and Construction Act, the Commission was unable to grant all funds requested for 1973, but it voted to fund the proposed northeast Montana federation demonstration (Phillips, Valley, Daniels, and Sheridan Counties) to the level requested, should money become available; and to give second priority, should funds be available, to the proposed demonstration of service into Treasure County, from the Sagebrush Federation.

The Commission also voted to allocate the remaining LSCA Title II funds, $12,270, to the Missoula City-County Library Building project, should the bond election scheduled for June 6 pass. This additional funding makes available a total of $162,270 for the Missoula library project.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS The Ronan Public Library had an open house on Saturday, April 29, to mark the formal opening of its new public library.

The Drummond town council has announced plans for an addition on the present town hall to house the town library. A drive is under way to raise $5,500 for the project.

The Montana State Library Commission has formally obligated Title II LSCA funds in the amount of $13,680 toward the construction of a bookmobile garage for the Miles City Public Library; this represents an increase over the sum of $11,400 reported in this Newsletter on September 30, 1971 and is occasioned by an increase in local matching funds available. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 1972.

The State Library Commission has formally obligated Title II LSCA funds in the amount of $28,847 toward remodeling cost for the new Columbia Falls Branch Library Building. The library will be located in the former Anaconda Aluminum Company Employees Club building, in Columbia Falls, and will provide more than three times the space formerly available for the branch in its old building.

STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL The State Library Advisory Council met at the State Library on May 1, with all members present except Dale Madsen, Billings. The Council considered the draft long-range plan for library development, and suggested several changes which will be incorporated in the final plan submitted to the Office of Education prior to June 30, 1972.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER The Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center met in Seattle on Monday, May 15, to act on bylaws amendments and to adopt a budget for operation during 1972-73. Board members were given a report on use made of PNBC's interlibrary loan referral service by the participating states during the ten months ending April 30. Of 24,292 requests received from the five participating states, Montana libraries accounted for 2,738, or 11.27 percent.

All Montana libraries are entitled to service from PNBC. Academic and special libraries may send their requests directly to the Center or through the State Library; other requests should be channeled through the State Library. Information on PNBC may be requested from the State Library.

ACQUISITIONS AND SERIALS LISTS

With this newsletter, the eighth in a series, Recent Acquisitions of the Montana State Library, is being distributed to public, secondary school, and academic libraries in Montana. All titles on the list are available on loan from the State Library.

A serials list, Periodical Holdings of the Montana State Library, May 1972, is also distributed to public, secondary school, and academic libraries in Montana. State library periodicals are not available for loan, but photocopies of individual articles may be requested through normal channels.

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MONTANA INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA ASSOCIATION

Members of the Montana Library Association and Montana Instructional Media Association met in conference in Helena May 11-13. The MLA presented honorary life memberships to Mrs. Jean Davis, retiring librarian of Eastern Montana College; Larry Hodges, retiring professor of library science at the University of Montana; Mrs. Helen Ewing, retiring circulation librarian at the Montana State University Library; and Mrs. Rita Nelson, retired serials librarian at the University of Montana. The trustee of the year award was given to Dr. E. H. Rowen, long-time member of the Miles City Public Library Board of Trustees. Recognized as School Administrator of the Year was Helena District I Superintendent A. G. Erickson. A special citation was presented to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dolores Colburg in appreciation of her efforts toward higher standards for school libraries.

MLA's 1972-73 Executive Board consists of:

Mrs. Frances Wells, President (Billings Public Schools)
Mrs. Margaret Warden, Vice-President (Trustee, Great Falls Public Library)
Douglas Mills, Past President (University of Montana Library)
Larry Anderson, Secretary (Helena Senior High School Library)
Mrs. Helen Anderson, Treasurer (Great Falls Public Library)
Mrs. Adelaine Midgett, ALA Councilor (University of Montana Library)
Mrs. Mabel Brewer, PNLA Representative (Flathead County Library)
Mrs. Loretta Peck, Academic and Special Libraries Division Chairman (Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology Library)
William Snyder, Public Libraries Division Chairman (City-County Library of Missoula)
Mrs. Ethlyn Paris, School Library Division Chairman (Park Senior High School, Livingston)
Mrs. Karen Stanton, Trustees and Friends Division Chairman (Trustee, Big Horn County Library)
David R. Hoffman, State Librarian

PEOPLE

Clinton D. Desonia, head of Extension at the Great Falls Public Library, has been named Librarian of the Helena Public Library, effective May 22. Desonia succeeds Roger Spillers, who has taken a teaching assignment at the University of Zambia, in Lukasa, Zambia.

The State Library Commission has awarded a graduate scholarship in the amount of $5,000 to Mrs. Muriel D. Cooksey, Assistant Librarian at the Miles City Public Library; Mrs. Cooksey will enroll at the Graduate School of Librarianship at the University of Denver in the summer quarter of 1972. The scholarship is funded under Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act.

Using funds under Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act, the State Library Commission has made travel grants to four federation librarians whose libraries would not otherwise be represented at the ALA Annual Conference, in Chicago, to attend that conference. Named to receive these grants were Mrs. Inez Herrig, Lincoln County Library, Northwest Montana Federation; Mrs. Lilly Eveland, Liberty County Library, Pathfinder Federation; Mrs. Marie MacDonald, Glendive Public Library, Sagebrush Federation; and Mrs. Edna Shuey, Laurel Public Library, South Central Federation.

JOHN COTTON DANA LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS

The State Library has a supply of entry forms and rules for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards contest. The contest, sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company, was established to recognize those librarians who most effectively stimulate community interest and involvement in their libraries, and is open to public, academic, school, military, and special libraries. Entry forms may be requested from the State Library.

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Fanning the embers, by the Range Rider Reps. A biographical history of the Range Riders, and of Custer County, Montana. Available from Mrs. Zola Stone, Chairman, Range Riders Reps, 1007 South Merriam Avenue, Miles City, Mt., 59301, 1971, $12.50.

Journal of Rudolph Friederich Kurz, an account of his experiences among fur traders and American Indians on the Mississippi and the Upper Missouri Rivers during the years 1846 to 1852. University of Nebraska Press, 1970, $2.75.

Montana Genesis, a history of the Stevensville area of the Bitterroot Valley written by the Stevensville Historical Society. Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, Mt., 59801, 1971, $8.50.

Names on the face of Montana; the story of Montana's place names, by Roberta Carkeek Cheney. Gives locations, dates of post offices now inactive, and in most instances origin of name; includes lists of creeks and rivers; name changes; maps showing development of counties from 9 to 56. University of Montana, 1971, $11.95.

Utica, Montana. History of the community and its families. Published by Judith Basin Press, Stanford, Mt.; copies available from Mrs. Roy Keating, Utica (Hobson), Mt., 59452, 1968, $5.00.

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